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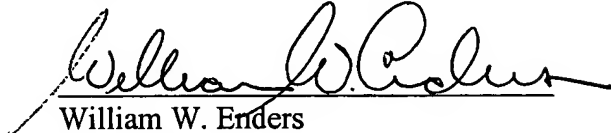
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- ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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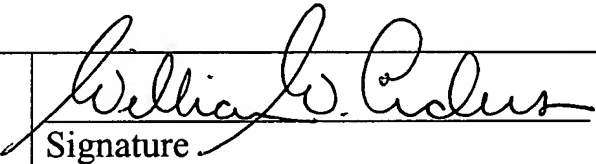


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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)	First Named Inventor: Robert C. Mayer et al.
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